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Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Portage Park District Foundation, I'm writing to update you on the good work of the Portage Park District, an important steward of our natural world that provides places and programs for community fellowship and spiritual connection.

We're reaching out to religious organizations and ask that you consider us as you plan your activities throughout the year and share our information with your congregation through bulletin boards, social media, church announcements, newsletters, etc.

Portage Parks include beautiful diverse landscapes, walking and biking trails, picnic areas, fishing and paddling areas and programs for all ages and abilities. This year is the Portage Park District's 30th anniversary, and we're proud to share that so far, the park district has:

- Conserved 2,470 acres of important natural areas across Portage County
- Created 6 parks and 3 multipurpose trails open year-round
- Constructed 35 miles of trails, including 20 miles of accessible trails (over 57% of our trails are accessible!)
- Developed ongoing nature education and community engagement programming

Enclosed is our general Portage Park District brochure which includes a map of all our parks and trails (we're happy to send more to share). You can also stay up to date by following Portage Park District on Facebook and visiting the website, portageparkdistrict.org where you can sign up for a monthly e-newsletter and learn about the many engaging educational programs and events offered. Please also feel free to contact Andrea Metzler, Public Engagement Manager, 330-297-7728; ametzler@portageparkdistrict.org for more information.

The parks have been a source of joy, health and solace for me and many, with special places for quiet contemplation and communion. We hope you can join us in sharing this wonderful resource with others.

Sincerely,

Beth Buchanan, President